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EXAMINING GROUP 2834
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In re Application of:)
Junji Sato et al.) Group Art Unit: 2834
Serial No.: 09/673,750) Examiner: J. Gonzalez
Filed: October 20, 2000)
For: Rotor of Small-Sized Motor)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF FINAL REJECTION

In reply to the Final Office Action of dated January 31, 2003, the period for reply extending through June 30, 2003 by a request for a two-month extension of time and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants request reconsideration of the final rejection for the reasons given below.

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 11, 14, 15, and 17-28 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), using as a primary reference, newly cited Japanese patent No. 410271724A (Ikeda) assigned to Citizen Watch Company, Ltd., the assignee of the present invention, and various combinations of secondary references with Ikeda. The

effective date of the Ikeda patent as a prior art reference is its publication date, October 9, 1998.

The present application originated with a PCT Application (PCT/JP 99/02189, filed April 23, 1999) that claimed priority based on Japanese Application No. 10/113043, filed April 23, 1998, and Japanese Application No. 10/249376, filed September 3, 1998. Submitted herewith are signed English translations of the two Japanese priority applications, which make it clear that they support the claims under rejection in this application.

In light of the submitted English translations of the priority documents filed in this application, Ikeda is not prior art against this application and each of the rejections using it as a primary reference should be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Applicants respectfully request that this application be reconsidered and the accompanying translations be entered by the Examiner, placing claims 1, 11, 14, 15, and 17-28 in condition for allowance together with claims 29-31.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants submit that the claimed invention is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious in view of the legitimate prior art references cited against this application. Applicants therefore request the Examiner's reconsideration and reexamination of the application, and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

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If any extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is required for entry of this response, and not accounted for by an attached request and fee payment by check, please grant such extension and charge the required fee to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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